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BUSINESS AS USUAL AT I.U. SCHOOL OF LAW: PANIC SWEEPS THE BUILDING!

by Harry Hand

Just as I.U. Law School students and faculty thought it was safe to return to the classroom from Spring Break 2005, rumors of unparalleled chaos gripped the hallways, or something to that effect. Yes, while you were soaking up the rays in Florida and Cancun, overzealous legislators in Indianapolis and our nation's capitol were burning the midnight oil (now estimated at \$60 a barrel), drafting new plans for the School more bizarre than **Luis Fuentes-Rohwer's** interpretations of Sixties musical hits during his recent appearance on *American Idol*. I.U. administrators were frankly appalled at some of the recent proposals.

"When My Man Mitch said he was committed to improving our state highway systems, I hardly imagined he was talking about re-routing I-69 through the Law School," admitted a shaken Dean **Lauren Robel**. "It was generous of him to promise that Lilly would give our students all the Prozac they could eat during the construction phase for the next fifteen years, and we could sure use the revenues from the tollbooths Governor Daniels said he'll build where the Library will have once stood, but **Rob Fischman** and I are very concerned about the exhaust fumes." Assistant Dean of Admissions **Dennis Long** was even less enthusiastic about Daniels's plan to reduce prison populations and outsource correctional facility operations by enrolling all repeat offenders in the first year curriculum. "While most of our new, umm, students will have more experience with the legal system than our current 1Ls, I somehow doubt their LSAT scores will help our ranking

in next year's U.S. News & World Report," mumbled **Long**.

Of equal concern is the Indiana General Assembly's "visionary" plan to fund the new Indianapolis Colts' stadium by raising the subscription rates on the Law School's three journals. "While I truly believe I.L.J. is top drawer, I don't know of anyone who'll pay \$50,000 an issue," remarked a dubious **David Williams**. On the other hand, former dean **Fred Aman**, tried to be optimistic. "I'll do my best to drum up people willing to cough up that kind of money for the Global Legal Studies Journal. Maybe if we list the price in euros ..." Professor **Leandra Lederman** queried, (continued on page 2)

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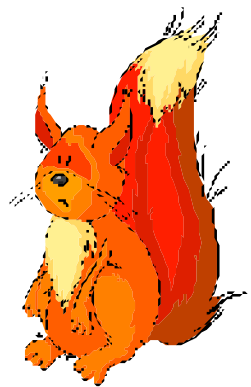
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"Shouldn't new taxes be considered?" just before she was named as a "person of interest" by the state's recently appointed Inspector General.

Perhaps the most mysterious governmental mandate introduced was an unprecedented early morning federal statute demanding the reinsertion of the Law Schools feeding tube. "I have absolutely no idea of what this means!" exclaimed law and biology expert Professor Roger Dworkin. "Are they talking about bringing the Snack Bar back to life? Will there be pizza for lunch every afternoon?"

"Does this mean even more squirrels are going to be lured into stacks?" demanded Library Director Colleen Pauwels. "Squirrels, indeed," Professor Dawn Johnson confided in this reporter. "Things have gotten seriously weird since I was in Washington."



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REMINDER:

During the month of April, domestic goddess Martha Stewart will be fulfilling a portion of her community service hours at the Law School. This week, Martha will be teaching students how to turn their old Gilberts into compost and using the leftover plastic spiral bindings as a decorative raffia to festoon their carrels. If you wish to make an appointment with Ms. Stewart, you can find her on the third floor of the Law School, in a heated debate with securities wizard Professor Bill Hicks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Professor Kevin Collins wishes to announce there is no truth whatsoever to the rumor that he is collaborating with *Da Vinci Code* author Dan Brown on a new book concerning the architecture of the Law School. "All these stories about Sherman Minton secretly marrying the mother of the next Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in a library study room are absolute nonsense," Collins said, and Recorder Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence has not- I repeat- has not been instructed to give five A stars to the student who can find the final clue to the puzzle in the Library's microfiche collection of House appropriations hearings," to which Government Documents Librarian Jennifer Bryan responded, "I dare you. I double dare you."

TIME FOR AN INTERVENTION? YET ANOTHER LIST

As graduation approaches and all you've got to show for your law school career are a dwindling G.P.A., class outlines written on placemats from Nick's, an empty bottle of Professor Emeritus Bill Oliver's Camelot Mead, and involuntary hand gestures that you hope remind those "in the know" you once studied with Professor Dan Conkle, then maybe, just maybe, you might have put too much emphasis on partying instead of pedagogy. So for any of you who have uttered the immortal words, "Hey- where we gonna go tonight?" we offer this list of top ten signs you may have misplaced your priorities for the last three years.

10. Your favorite drinking game is Con Law: you take a shot whenever Professor Pat Baude says "the Court"
9. Your exam number is 186. No, wait- that's your class ranking. Oh, sorry- that's your proof.
8. Earl Singleton reluctantly informs you he has been asked to serve as your liver's guardian ad litem.
7. You ask Professor Yvonne Cripps if it's illegal to clone a bottle of Jaegermeister.
6. Pesky librarians keep telling you to get the keg out from under your carrel.
5. You enroll in Assistant Dean Mark Hilycoord's Accounting for Lawyers class in the vague hopes of learning how to leverage the debt on your student loan to pay your tab at Kilroy's.
4. You rely on beer to sober up for a weekend of super cite-checking.
3. You feel oddly self-conscious whenever Professor Jim Barnes mentions "polluted systems."



2. You walk into Professor Gene Shreve's office to discuss your Civ Pro exam, but you can never figure out where his voice is coming from (oh, sorry ... that's happened to everyone).

1. Every Sunday morning, you empathize with Mrs. Palsgraff as you consider the scales banging down on her head.

by Johnny Walker

THE SUGGESTION BOX

(Each month in this space, Associate Director Linda Fariss reluctantly opens the Suggestion Box, hoping against hope that among your petty, insolent yet contemptible kvetches she'll find either some winning lottery numbers or at least the final evidence she needs to initiate involuntary commitment proceedings against the editors of *Res Ipsa Jocular*. This month, however, Visiting Professor of Metasemiotics and the Law, Pomeroy Pomobabble, has kindly agreed to tackle some of the thorniest issues facing tomorrow's lawyers today.)

Question: Can we possibly get a higher page limit on our Law School printing accounts?

Last month I had to run off 500 copies of the NCAA brackets for a pool I'm running, and I don't think I should have to pay for that!

Answer: "Class is intrinsically elitist," says Derrida; however, according to von Ludwig[1], it is not so much class that is intrinsically elitist, but rather the meaninglessness, and thus the dialectic, of class. The main theme of the works of Foucault is the rubicon, and eventually the collapse of dialectic society. Therefore, the subject is interpolated into a Baudrillardist hyperreality that includes language as a totality.

Question: Uhhh, yeah, whatever, but like, while you're working on the page limit thing, could we also get double-sided printing in the Computer Center?

Answer: The subject is contextualised into a cultural preconstructive theory that includes language as a totality. Thus, Lyotard uses the term 'realism' to denote the difference between sexual identity and class[2]. The subject is interpolated into a cultural preconstructive theory that includes art as a whole. However, if Baudrillardist hyperreality holds, we have to choose between cultural sublimation and subdialectic nihilism.

Question: Dude, what is wrong with you? All I want to do is print off a final copy of my appellate brief for Professor Goodman without paying ten cents a page!

Answer: An abundance of discourses concerning the common ground between class and society may be discovered. However, the primary theme of the works of von Ludwig is the role of the reader as poet. Derrida uses the term 'semanticiest subtextual theory' to denote the collapse, and hence the paradigm, of subpatriarchial class. But Bataille suggests the use of capitalist predialectic theory to attack and read art.

Question: Wow ... does that mean that a predominant concept is the concept of capitalist consciousness, so when Lacan uses the term 'Sartreist existentialism' he denotes the fatal flaw, and eventually the economy, of precultural sexual identity?

Answer: Dude! Can I use that as the title for my next article for the *Yale Law Journal*?

1. Von Ludwig, S.B., *Realism in the Works of Brad Pitt*, 10 Loompanics 666, 945 (1996)
2. Lyotard, ed., *The Dialectic of Narrative: Baudrillardist Hyperreality and Realism*, University of Michigan Press, 1979.

WORKING WITH TROWELS

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs John Applegate reported this week that the Law School is proposing a revolutionary and abbreviated curriculum for students eager to complete their education "in the most expeditious manner possible." "The law school student of the future wants to be in the trenches as soon as possible," Applegate told this reporter, "and so we're offering select candidates the option of completing all of their credits in a single calendar year." When pressed for details, Applegate mumbled, "in the event they're willing to go twelve months without sleep." Heading up this radical approach to jurisprudence, tentatively billed as "One And Done," will be none other than soon-to-be former I.U. men's basketball coach, Mike Davis. "'One And Done' students won't have to be worried about offensive teaching tactics such as the Socratic Method," Davis announced, "because I don't believe in offense." When asked if his students would really be prepared for the bar after such a brief period of training, Davis crisply replied, "If they don't make the grade, it's absolutely their fault and not mine!"

Faculty reaction to this frankly insane scheme were varied, to say the least. "I'm not buying it," said Professor Jeannine Bell. "This sounds suspiciously like some odious April Fools' hate speech, concocted by an embittered former I.U. basketball fan." Au contraire, opined Professor Ken Dau-Schmidt, the law and economics tyro. "As a lowly employee of the state, I welcome any opportunity to increase the value of the Law School Faculty's season tickets for basketball. Why, I bought N.I.T. tickets for the Vanderbilt game, and I couldn't even scalp them for five dollars! I'm calling for a strike!"

A horrible mistake: that's how Associate Dean of Students Len Fromm explains the recent appearance of himself and several other Law School faculty members on Celebrity Poker. "As God is my witness, I swear I thought they said 'Celebrity Polka,'" moaned Fromm. "Jeff Stake got involved because he heard we were playing for dimes, Sarah Hughes was told she could be the bark, and somebody told Terry Bethel the game was contract bridge. As a matter of fact, Terry thought it was Luton Bridge, and then he bid five no trump! So I pushed on all the keys of my accordion and we folded!"



Famed rap artist Lil' Kim will be presenting a guest lecture entitled "What To Wear When Your Job Interview Turns Into A Shoot-out," hosted by Assistant Dean for Career Services Michael Keller. Topics to be covered include resume enhancements, Kevlar vests, dressing for excess, and perjury defenses. Assistant Dean Keller will provide pizza and Glodks.

And, speaking of serious weirdness, family law expert Professor Julia Lamber will offer an early summer seminar, "British Royal Marriage Law: Fact or Affliction?" Topics to be included are Camilla DeVille, Steak Diana, Wills In Trust, and Shall We DeSpencer With DeHarry?"

Just for the record: Law & Sports Professor John Scanlan wishes to go on record and proclaim that the recent, wildly productive wool harvest from Writing & Research Professor Cathy Crosson's alpaca was not a result of rampant steroid use. "Even though Jose Canseco told Congress he'd injected Cathy's animals with testosterone on numerous occasions, expert evidence testing by Professor Alexander Tanford confirms these quadrupeds are clean!"



NOTA BENE:

The staff of Res Ipsa Jocular wishes to acknowledge the debt it owes to the recently departed father of its particular form of journalism, Hunter S. Thompson. To paraphrase the words of the good doctor, we cannot advocate sex, drugs, violence and rock 'n roll for everyone, but they've always worked for us. After all, we are professionals. Good luck on exams. Res ipsa loquitor.

**GOOD
LUCK**